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Hi everyone and I hope you are all going well in these extraordinary times. I know a lot of us are back in lockdown and the risks are high for areas outside of Sydney as well, to me it feels harder this time than last time, so lets hope we all get on top of it as fast as possible so we can get out again.

Even with the present situation things are still happening, I just recently attended a Working Vehicle Standards meeting with Transport for NSW, these have been going for about nine years now and have had there highs and lows like most things, but with changes inside of TfNSW we have seen a much more positive approach to the meetings and the outcomes are starting to reflect this. The recent Brake Assessment Manual is a good example of this. In light of this I put forward a proposal that I have been thinking about for some time, I have never liked the almost impossible task of trying to work out what is legal and what is not legal when modifying a vehicle and it is the most basic of things, just recently I saw a post on Facebook from a young guy that had been defected for no mud flaps and the amount of people that responded that you don't need them was amazing (regulations state that once the gap is greater than 300mm you need to have them) so it is obvious that the message is not getting to everybody in a way that is easy to understand. So the proposal is that as a group we start to look at the rules and put them together in a way that is easy to find and easy to understand. I am happy to say that is was enthusiastically welcomed by all representatives at the meeting, to the point of one of the TfNSW representatives offering to put a team together to start working on it now. It was agreed that this was a huge process and will take some time but we still needed to start it. One of the first things will be GVM, it is being overhauled at the moment and it will be looked at to see if it can be presented to the public in an easy to understand plain English document, I will keep you informed on any updates.

While on the subject of vehicle standards there is a lot of talk about making modification rules across the country the same, this would be great, no matter what you think, but it has a lot of problems that come with it, will people in Queensland be happy to get a pink slip every twelve months, if things are to be standard things like this will have to happen. Do we want to have it federally controlled, absolutely not, they have a set of rules called ADR's and this is why we have different states interpretations. We will lose the ability to have many different parties having input around the country and the list goes on, so before you ask for this be careful what you are asking for, you may just get it.

As most of you now know the next quarterly will be a zoom meeting and the Adventure Show has been postponed until March next year. A reminder also if you would like to have access to zoom for a meeting please contact the office and we will do our best to set one up, because of the demand we have two accounts so we should be able to accommodate your time, if you do not know how to run one I would be more than happy to jump on with you to get you started. Also I am happy to join any meeting even if it is just for a short time to address any questions or issues that you may have.

Stay safe everyone and looking forward to seeing everyone again,
cheers.

Craig Thomas
President

Quarterly Meeting - August 21st - Zoom Only

There will be voting at this meeting, we have a new member application.

Please RSVP for this meeting.

For those that are attending the zoom link will be sent when you

RSVP office@4wdnow.com

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Need a ZOOM meeting?

Do you need a zoom meeting for your club?
You are welcome to use the Association account.
Please email Maggie with date, start time and duration.
office@4wdnow.com



Most First Aid Courses have been rescheduled because of lockdowns.
As a result some people have cancelled so there are a couple of spaces available.

Watson ACT Basic - New Date - August 6-7 August 2022 - (1 available)

Watson ACT Remote - New Date - August 13-14 August 2022 - (1 available)

Sydney Remote - Blacktown RSL - New Date - TBC - (4 available)

Hunter Basic - Beresfield Bowling Club - 18-19 September 2021 - (spaces available)

Southern Region - date to be confirmed

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Coolah Camp Oven Cook Off COCO 2021





All the winners!

DAMPER

1st Jeremy Collins - Port Hunter
2nd Temara Garland - Dubbo 4Wd
3rd Tina Woodhouse - Port Hunter

DINNER

1st Temara Garland - Dubbo 4wd
2nd Craig Thomas - Triple Diamond
3rd Kelly Thomas - Triple Diamond

DESSERT

1st Jennifer White - Triple Diamond
2nd Temara Garland - Dubbo 4wd
3rd Kelly Thomas - Triple Diamond

OVERALL CHAMPION

1st Temara Garland - Dubbo 4WD
2nd Kelly Thomas - Triple Diamond
3rd Craig Thomas - triple Diamond



The mega raffle was drawn and winners notified. Thank you for your support.
Look for the full report on Coco on the website over the next few weeks.

What's the best first Aid kit you can buy?

Which First Aid kit is preferred by RFS?



First Aid Kits from SURVIVAL are now available to purchase from our benefits website.

Enjoy up to a 20% discount off RRP and free shipping.

Check out the range on our Benefits website [HERE](#)

20% discount for members



MEDIA RELEASE

Club 4X4 and 4WD NSW & ACT Association

announce strategic Partnership

Believe it or not - we are having an insurance issue with this!. There is a delay, but we are looking for a solution. Watch this space.

Everything you need to know about UHF CB Radios in Australia!

- ORICOM

Tight on space?

For an in-vehicle unit that won't clutter the dash or take up room you don't have, try a compact unit, such as the [DTX4200X](#) or [UHF390](#), where all of the controls are in the microphone. The controller speaker mic removes the need for a head unit, and the integrated speaker works with the transceiver speaker to deliver exceptional sound quality and volume.

Why hand-held?

Hand-held units offer a portable UHF CB communication solution as well as being a great addition to your in-vehicle radio communication set-up. They give you flexibility to take it with you once you've "made-camp" and allow for better navigator communication when negotiating tricky off-road terrain as well as when parking or backing up in tight spots, especially with a van or trailer attached.

The [ULTRA550](#) is a powerful 5 watt hand-held UHF CB Radio with features designed to optimise performance under all conditions including switchable RF power and fast charge PODs.

Etiquette when using a UHF CB Radio.

- Be aware of the Emergency channels (5 and 35) which are strictly to be used for Emergency communications only. Emergency services monitor these channels and respond to requests for help.
- When communicating on a main channel (i.e. Channel 40 – Highways and trucks), once contact is made on the channel, it is accepted that both ends of the communication shift their discussion over to another channel in order to free the main channel up.
- Be aware that all correspondence across the UHF CB frequency range is public. Anyone who is within range is free to join in with the conversation.
- Be aware of all of the channels below, which will help guide your correspondence and how you use the UHF CB frequency for on or off road communications.

Australian UHF CB Radio Channels



If you have any questions, or would like some help, please feel free to contact Oricom Support at any time on (02) 4547 8888 Mon-Fri 8am-6pm AEST.
Read the entire article [HERE](#)

Can I flash my headlights to warn motorists?

Flashing your headlights at oncoming vehicles to let them know of a traffic hazard, speed camera or hidden police car up ahead is a frequently observed custom on Australian roads. But is it legal?

What does the law say about flashing headlights to warn motorists?

There is no specific Road Rule in NSW stating you are not allowed to dip your lights to warn other road users that the police are ahead. However, you could still receive an infringement notice for it if a police officer alleges that while you were warning another driver, you also dazzled them.

Laws on headlights

[NSW Road Rule 219](#) states: *"a driver must not use, or allow to be used, any light fitted to or in the driver's vehicle to dazzle, or in a way that is likely to dazzle, another road user"*. This type of offence can attract 1 demerit point and a \$110 fine.

Another more specific Road Rule in NSW is [Road Rule 218](#) which states:

"The driver of a vehicle must not use the vehicle's headlights on high-beam, or allow the vehicle's headlights to be used on high-beam, if the driver is driving: (a)

less than 200 metres behind a vehicle travelling in the same direction as the driver, or (b) less than 200 metres from an oncoming vehicle."

Both 218-1 (a) & (b) each attract 1 demerit point and a \$112 fine.

Once again, you could receive an infringement for breaching this rule while in the process of warning an approaching driver of a speed trap ahead.

Hindering a police officer

Furthermore, under Section 546C of the Crimes Act 1900 (NSW), it is an offence to hinder a police officer in the execution of their duty. The legislation sets out that:

"Any person who resists or hinders or incites any person to assault, resist or hinder a police officer in the execution of his or her duty shall be liable on conviction before the Local Court to imprisonment for 12 months or to a fine of 10 penalty units, or both."

It is arguable that flashing your headlights to warn of police would fall into the definition of 'hindering police' in the execution of their duty (i.e., catching speeding drivers).

In conclusion

While the law does not provide any specific legislation to govern whether it is an offence to flash your vehicle's headlights to warn oncoming traffic, if you are hindering a police officer in executing their duty, using high beams illegally or dazzling a fellow motorist, you could be committing an offence.

Drive safely, everyone!

Credit NRMA

This newsletter is written using information provided by relevant parties.

If I write something that mentions "me or I" and there is no signature after it then it is a message from me.

If you would like something to be added on behalf of your club please email office@4wdnow.com.

Anything can be included as long as it's club based and for the benefit of clubs.

The newsletter is monthly (about the first of each month) but we can do an extra "special" if there is something that is important that we missed.

- Maggie Thomas.

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